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Fitness center planned for Tent City

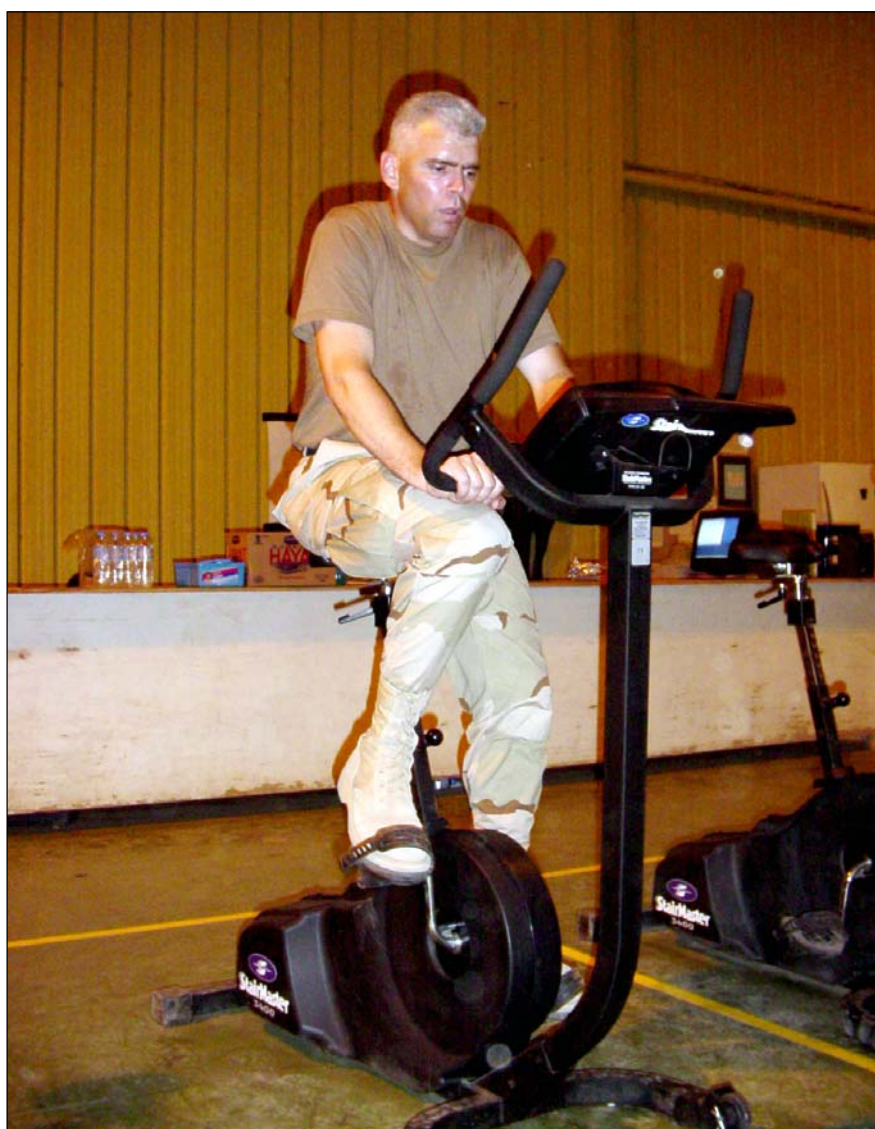


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy

Tech. Sgt. Charles Hart III, 506th Air Expeditionary Group Safety Office, uses the Nautilus machine at the fitness center Tuesday.

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

KRAB Kronicle editor

Plans for a second fitness center for the Ten Days From Tomorrow area is in the works.

According to Master Sgt. Dennis Jones, 506th Expeditionary Services Squadron, a concrete foundation must be laid by the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron before the actual tent can be placed around it.

"We are working with CE to get the concrete poured," Jones said. "The civil engineers have a couple of priority jobs that must get done before us."

Jones said that once those construction projects are completed, CE will begin to build the fitness center's foundation.

"The last word with CE is that it may take up to two weeks before they can begin pouring," he said. "Then they will build the structure, which should take approximately two or three days. Once they are complete, it will only take us a day or two to place equipment in the structure and open the new fitness center."

The current fitness center, located by the swimming pool and recreation center, offers free weights, stationary bikes and Nautilus machines.

It is open 24 hours a day; however, users must be in uniforms entering and exiting the facility.

For more information, call 460-2671.

Safety important at deployed location

By Tech. Sgt. Richard Burton
506th Air Expeditionary Group
Safety Office

The mission here is fast paced and long hours are expected out of each person. With this mindset, we can overlook some of the simple things we did, or even had, and push them aside.

The main point I want to stress here is that your personal safety and the steps you take to ensure it are the keys to getting out of here in one piece. To accomplish this, the safety office staff needs your help.

After arriving here late Sunday or early Monday, depending on local, Zulu, or as in my case, Ramstein time, I have noticed several disturbing trends. This week, I would like to focus on vehicle operations.

The main thing I spotted was the lack of seat belt usage. I see shiny metal clasps hanging, which means people are driving or riding around without being buckled up. It is common to see several vehicles driving from tent city to the main base and not one person has their seat belt on.

Seat belts should be a habit to all of us and no longer an issue, but that isn't the case here. Sure, we are at a heightened level here but that doesn't mean we forget the safety rules. They do not stay at our home stations.

We need to protect ourselves more



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy

Master Sgt. James Hawks, command post, buckles into his vehicle before departing the 506th AEG HQ.

than ever, but yet we seem to be willing to accept the risk of not wearing seat belts. Why? Is it because we do not have a patrol car watching us? Is it because we watched John Wayne war movies and we want to be that cool too? Maybe it's because we drive slower and we think the chances are slim of us getting injured.

Well, regardless of the excuse, it is a requirement. I could reference the Air Force Instruction, but I'd rather have everyone think of themselves and their loved ones back home who will suffer should a mishap occur. I know nobody ever thinks they will be involved in a mishap and die because "that always happens to the other guy," however, for some strange reason, I

have done my share of fatal investigations where I would guess that poor individual thought the same thing.

Within the past four months, the safety office investigated four fatalities, one person paralyzed and another medically retired due to vehicle mishaps. I have more than enough experience in what needs to be done and how to do it. I personally do not like that part of my job and I'm sure no one here would like to join my growing list of investigations accomplished.

Never before has safety been as important to us, and never before have others relied on you doing your part. Please take the time to buckle up, forget the excuses you might have, and be responsible for your own safety and the

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News briefs

Don't throw uniforms in the trash

All personnel who do not want to bring their uniforms back must turn them in to supply or drop off the uniforms to the lodging tent at C-18. Simply throwing away a uniform is a violation of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

Redeployment briefings

Redeployment briefings are held every Tuesday and Friday at 8 a.m. in the deployment processing center. For more information, call 460-0194.

Right Start briefing

The Right Start briefing for those who just arrived is held every Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. in the deployment processing center. For more information, call 460-0194.

506th AEF coins, T-shirts on sale at Cantina

Orders for coins are being taken at the Cantina for \$5 each. People who order a coin and are scheduled to depart can leave a pre-addressed envelop and it will be shipped for free. Limit one coin per person. T-shirt sales also are ongoing at the Cantina. Cost is \$10 per shirt. People are limited to one shirt until more shirts are ordered.

Cantina dress code

People are reminded that they can wear either civilian

clothes or full uniform to the Cantina. It is also a no-hat area.

Protocol assistance

Anyone sponsoring a distinguished visitor onto Kirkuk must contact 2nd Lt. Laura Yardley at 460-0260 or laura.yardley@krab.aorcentaf.af.mil.

Vaccinations

Anthrax and Small Pox vaccinations are administered Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon at the 506th Expeditionary Medical Squadron's facility in tent city.

Sick Call

Sick call hours at the 506th Expeditionary Medical Squadron are from 8 a.m. to noon and 4 to 6 p.m. Emergency medical evacuation is also available, if needed.

The EMEDS clinic in the Rose Garden will be staffed with medical technicians and exists primarily for flight line emergency response. Limited sick call services are available as a convenience for those personnel working on the operations side of the base. Sick call hours are from 8 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Exploding ordnance

Every Wednesday and Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. EOD has scheduled range time and will conduct detonations. People may hear loud explosions at this time.

Warrior of the Week

Master Sgt.

Troy Gillard

506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Home station: Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Arrived in AOR: April 20

Family: Wife, Tonia; sons, Andrew and Brandon

Hobbies: Fishing, woodworking and golf

How do you contribute to the mission of the 506th AEG? I ensure local contractors and visitors are processed through the installation and they are

assigned an escort to provide 100 percent vigilance in compliance with the force protection posture.

What is your favorite aspect of this deployment? The outstanding people I have met and who have supported me to accomplish my mission.

Besides your family, what luxury do you miss most about the states? Hot showers and ice in my drink.

What food do you miss the most? Mexican.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy



Staff Sgt. Lee A. Osberry, Jr.

What's this?

Staff Sgt. Ryan Groves, 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team specialist, and Sgt. Salvador Broes III, 173rd Combat Support Company combat engineer, prepare to dispose of an unexploded ordnance found by a local villager outside Kirkuk AB, July 10. Approximately 11 unexploded bomblets were found within a 500 meter radius of the farming fields.

New Café allows easier communications

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy
506th Air Expeditionary Group
Public Affairs

Tent City residents no longer have to travel to the other side of the base to make morale calls or use the Internet since the Cyber Café opened recently.

The café, located near the new chapel and tent A-1, is only open to tent city personnel.

The café became fully operational Tuesday when the phone lines were installed. In all, the café will be equipped with more than a dozen phone lines and computers.

According to Master Sgt. Dennis

Jones, 506th Expeditionary Services Squadron, the same rules apply for computer and phone use in the new café as they do at the recreation center on the main side of the base.

"For now, the time limit for computer use is 30 minutes," said Jones. "For morale calls, the time limit is still 15 minutes once a week."

One tent city patron is glad to see the new cyber café open.

"The first time I used it, it was painless," said Master Sgt. Mike Oliver, 303rd Fighter Squadron. "I think 30 minutes is a good length of time so people can get in and out in a reasonable amount of time. Now, I don't

have to worry about putting on my uniform and going back to the squadron."

"Services is people-oriented and we are here for the morale of the troops," Jones said. "By consolidating everything into tent city, people can now use the Cantina, watch a movie or jump on a computer without worrying about catching a shuttle."

People are reminded that peak hours are in the evening and they may have to wait a short amount of time to use the computers or phones. For now, the best time to use the cyber café is early morning.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy

Clean getaway

Senior Airman Ray Donohoe, 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, washes his first and last load of laundry in the new laundry facility in Tent City. The facility, which currently has 20 washers and 40 dryers, is open 24 hours a day, and free laundry soap is available while supplies last.

Fabric delays optional Army, AF uniforms

Delays in getting certified fabric have backed up production of selected Air Force and Army optional uniforms.

Those items include Air Force polyester/wool blend shirts and blouses, polyester slacks and skirts, mess dress uniforms and officer service coats sold through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The shortages are expected to continue through fall, AAFES officials said.

AAFES officials continue to work with the Air Force and Army clothing and textile offices to find additional manufacturers to supply certified fabric, officials said.

In the meantime, military clothing sales store workers are moving merchandise to different stores to meet the immediate needs of military members.

(Courtesy of Army and Air Force Exchange Service)

EOD ordnance item of the week

Rocket Propelled Grenade - They are shoulder-launched rocket-propelled anti-tank grenades. You should never disturb or touch an RPG if found, they are very sensitive. Mark the area and call the explosive ordnance shop at 460-0903.



Photo courtesy of EOD

ATOC: Airhub of Kirkuk

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith
KRAB Kronicle editor

The Air Terminal Operation Center, located in the hangar next to the airfield, is the hub of most of the flying activity at Kirkuk.

First look

According to Master Sgt. Bruce VanderWilt, ATOC superintendent, most of the base's equipment, as well as personnel, comes through them first.

"We control the cargo and passenger terminals," he said. "We have K-loaders, forklifts etc., to help download cargo and palettes."

Staff Sgt. Jad Aoun, air transportation craftsman, added that ATOC helps out others as well.

"We download cargo for the Army, Air Force, Russian aircraft, military and even civilian aircraft," he said. "We also keep track of cargo that leaves the area."

Keeping track

VanderWilt said that a tracking system is used to keep up with where the equipment is located.

"We use the Global Air Transportation Execution System to keep track of all the cargo," he said. "It is a computer system with which we communicate with around the world. Wherever it is, we can



Courtesy photo

Members from the Air Terminal Operations Center unload a new pallet of cargo outside the ATOC area.

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— Master Sgt. Bruce Vanderwilt

find it."

People first

Aoun also said ATOC is in charge of passengers going from and coming to Kirkuk.

"We schedule people to get on the aircraft and plan their flying itinerary to BWI (Baltimore-Washington International Airport), just like in the states," he said.

Like home sort of

VanderWilt, currently

stationed at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., is part of an Aerial Port Squadron there.

He said with a few exceptions, what ATOC does here is very similar to what is done there.

"Because of the location, obviously things are a little different, but the equipment we work on is just like what we have at home. Our mission is very similar, and since we all deployed, even the people are similar," VanderWilt

said.

Local assistance

Airman 1st Class

Danny Bundrick, air transportation journeyman, said that ATOC also helps out squadrons at Kirkuk when time permits.

"We help the civil engineers by uploading ordinance for them; we help medics with medical evacuations ... if the schedule allows us, we will sometimes drive food coming in over to the dining hall," he said. "We try to assist in anyway we can."

Whether it's passengers, cargo or assistance, the Kirkuk ATOC is ticking away to help keep the base running.

Scores and more

MLB standings

(At the All-Star break)

American League

East	W	L	GB
NY Yankees	57	36	-
Boston	55	38	2
Toronto	49	46	9
Baltimore	41	50	15
Texas	32	60	24.5

Central

Kansas City	51	41	-
Chicago White Sox	45	49	7
Minnesota	44	49	7.5
Cleveland	41	53	11
Detroit	25	67	25.5

West

Seattle	58	35	-
Oakland	54	39	4
Anaheim	49	43	8
Texas	38	55	20

National League

East	W	L	GB
Atlanta	61	32	-
Philadelphia	52	40	8.5
Montréal	49	45	12.5
Florida	49	46	13
New York	40	53	20

Central

Houston	50	44	-
St. Louis	49	45	1
Chicago Cubs	47	47	3
Cincinnati	43	50	6.5
Pittsburgh	41	50	7.5
Milwaukee	37	56	12.5

West

San Francisco	57	37	-
Arizona	52	42	5
Los Angeles	49	44	7.5
Colorado	50	47	8.5
San Diego	35	61	23

All Star Game

American 7, National 6
(The AL champ will now have home field advantage in the World Series).

In other headlines...

Cycling ... Lance Armstrong leads the Tour De France with 11 days of racing left.

Basketball ... Nets sign Jason Kidd and Alonzo Mourning.

Hockey ... Four teams are interested in two free agents: Sergei Federov and Curtis Joseph.

Soccer... The U.S. national team is trying to qualify for the 2004 Olympics in the CONCACAF Gold Cup, the soccer championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Chapel Schedule

Saturday

5 p.m. -- Catholic Mass

Sunday

8 a.m. -- Protestant and Gospel Service

10 a.m. -- Protestant Service

11:30 a.m. -- Catholic Mass

1 p.m. -- Latter-Day Saints Meeting

2 p.m. -- Catholic Mass

(Sky Soldiers Chapel)

7 p.m. Protestant Service

Monday

7 p.m. -- Catholic Video Pres./Class

Tuesday

6 a.m. Bible Study -- Book of Romans

Wednesday

7 p.m. Bible Study -- Book of Daniel

Thursday

7 p.m. Video Studies on Creation/Evolution

Friday

7 p.m. Bible Study -- Book of Daniel

All services are held at the Ten Days From Tomorrow Chapel unless otherwise noted.

All times are subject to change.

AF Marathon adds wrinkles

By Patrick Reilly

Air Force Marathon Office

Air Force Marathon officials will add two new options to this year's Sept. 20 race.

Besides the full-marathon and marathon-team races, this year's event features a 13.1-mile half marathon and a 5km (3.1 mile) race.

The marathon and half-marathon courses will feature aid stations at every mile mark.

Stations will provide water, electrolyte replenishment, fruit, water-soaked sponges and first-aid.

"Because the full- and half-marathons are on the same course, the half-marathon racers will be able to use many of the same aid stations and enjoy the same festive atmosphere that the full marathoners do," said Cheryl Blom, Air Force Marathon volunteer coordinator.

"The 5 kilometer (race) is going to generate a lot of interest with runners who don't necessarily want to run the full 26.2-mile or 13.1-mile courses," said Bob Brodess, Air Force Marathon director. "We're affectionately calling it our 'fun run.'"

Though the 5 kilometer participants will not receive a medal, their entry fee will get them a runner packet almost identical to the full- and half-marathon-

ers, and relay team members.

The packet includes an official Air Force Marathon T-shirt, patch and several coupons to local restaurants and businesses.

The shorter course will be separate from the marathon races, but will still share the start and finish line with the other races.

The exact path has not yet been determined, but final approval for the course is expected within the month.

After its approval, a course description will be posted on the marathon's Web site.

The marathon staff has already received dozens of applications for this year's events and will continue taking applications until Sept. 4.

The entry fee is \$50 for the marathon, \$35 for the half-marathon and \$15 for the 5 km fun run.

The marathon relay team fee is \$180.

There are still plenty of spots available for the full marathon, half marathon and 5km races, but marathon relay team openings are limited.

Participants also can pay an additional \$10 for a ticket to the pasta dinner on Sept. 19.

For more information on the marathon, contact the marathon office at DSN 787-4350, commercial (937) 257-4350, toll free (800) 467-1823 or on the Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

Commonly used phone numbers

ATOC	460-0038
BDOC	460-0960
CC Supt. Section ...	460-0099
CE Cust. Serv.	460-0021
Chaplain	460-0130
Command Chief	460-0052
Command Post.	460-0077
COMM Help Desk ...	460-0000
Contracting	460-0860
Dining Facility	460-0605
EMEDS	460-0502
EOD	460-0903
Fire Department	460-0030
Finance	460-0866
First Sergeant	460-0016
Legal	460-0117
Lodging	460-0123
Logistics Plans	460-0194
OSI	460-0800
PERSCO	460-0122
Public Affairs	460-0131
Protocol	460-0260
Safety	460-0090
Supply	460-0039

For a complete listing of Kirkuk agencies, log onto the homepage at <http://www.krab.aor-centaf.af.mil/Phonebooks.htm>.

KRAB Knowledge

Sports

There have been many athletes who have played two sports professionally.

Which one of these five athletes was not a two-sport pro?

- A. Brian Jordan
- B. Roy Jones, Jr.
- C. Chuck Connors
- D. Danny Ainge
- E. Terrell Owens

Military

During Operation Desert Storm, there was a total of 21,701 troops from the coalition who engaged in combat.

Of that number, how many of those were U.S. troops?

- A. 15,000
- B. 16,663
- C. 11,154
- D. 11,936
- E. 13,691

Television

What was the first evening newscast and anchor?

- A. 60 Minutes with Mike Wallace
- B. CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite
- C. 20/20 with Barbara Walters
- D. ABC Evening News with Peter Jennings
- E. NBC News Tonight with Tom Brokaw

Bonus question: What is the average shelf life, in months, of a Meals-Ready-To-Eat stored at a temperature of 90 degrees?

*Answers can be e-mailed to the Kronicle.
506th AEW/PA account.*

The first person with the correct Knowledge trivia questions will be answers will have their picture published in the Monday edition of the lished in the following week's Krab KRABloid.

What's Your Sign?

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Enjoy being at the top of the list? Don't get used to it. Next week it's Leo's turn.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Beginnings are always difficult. Get the attention of that hottie at the Cantina with this great line, "Hey, got a minute?"

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Have fun with the new person. Introduce him to everyone in the office as

your new, best friend. Then when he approaches you at the Cantina, look at him seriously and say, "I don't know you."

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22) Wow! You have ugly feet.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Romance will rush into the life of someone more deserving than you. Just grin and pretend you understand.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Find that special respect and connection with nature. The trench latrine is your friend.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) New beginnings are just around the corner. Turn the page.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18) Running from your fears is no longer an option. Of course, the bus is never on time, so maybe running is the only way.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) You were born between February 19 and March 20. Fear my divine cognizance.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Use that impatient trait of yours for self-gratifica-

tion. Just tell Pisces what "cognizance" means so they'll turn the page.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) You have something on your face. No, other side. There.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) See the world from someone else's point of view. Sit on top of a defense firing position all day, then see if you have the urge to complain about anything.

(Contributed by a member of the 506th Air Expeditionary Group)